

Dear AAA Member,

The Farm Bill is now in conference committee on the Hill and the amendment that permanently excludes rats, mice, and birds from the Animal Welfare Act is still intact. This may be our last opportunity to let conferees know of our support.

If you reside in one of the following states, please read the message below and make a phone call today. (If you are uncertain about your congressional representatives, you can check the Congressional Representative Search at www.faseb.org/opar/lac/congress.html.)

ALABAMA
CALIFORNIA
GEORGIA
INDIANA
IOWA
KANSAS
MINNESOTA
MISSISSIPPI
NORTH CAROLINA
NORTH DAKOTA
OHIO
OKLAHOMA
PENNSYLVANIA
SOUTH DAKOTA
TEXAS
VERMONT
VIRGINIA

Following is the list of Farm Bill conferees. If your senator or representative is listed below, here's what you can do right now, in three easy steps:

1. Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121.
2. Ask to be connected to your senator's or representative's office.
3. Tell the receptionist that you "support the Helms amendment and want the senator/representative to retain language in the Farm Bill to permanently exclude rats, mice, and birds from the Animal Welfare Act."

Okay - four steps! We'd appreciate knowing what phone calls you have made. If you need additional information, please go to:

<http://www.anatomy.org/public/pages/index.cfm?pageid=200>

Thank you very much!!

SENATE DEMOCRATS (majority)

The Hon. Tom Harkin (Chairman, Senate Agriculture Committee)

Home state: Iowa

The Hon. Patrick Leahy

Home state: Vermont

The Hon. Kent Conrad

Home state: North Dakota

The Hon. Thomas Daschle (Senate Majority Leader)

Home state: South Dakota

SENATE REPUBLICANS (minority)

The Hon. Richard Lugar (Ranking Member, Senate Agriculture Committee)

Home state: Indiana

The Hon. Jesse Helms

Home state: North Carolina

NOTE: Be sure to thank Sen. Helms for sponsoring this amendment.

The Hon. Thad Cochran

Home state: Mississippi

HOUSE REPUBLICANS (majority)

The Hon. Larry Combest (Chairman, House Agriculture Committee)

Home state: Texas. District offices in Lubbock, Amarillo, Odessa

The Hon. John A. Boehner

Home state: Ohio. District offices in Hamilton, Troy

The Hon. Bob Goodlatte

Home state: Virginia. District offices in Roanoke, Staunton, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg

The Hon. Richard Pombo

Home state: California. District office in Stockton

The Hon. Terry Everett

Home state: Alabama. District offices in Dothan, Montgomery, Opp

The Hon. Frank Lucas

Home state: Oklahoma. District offices in Oklahoma City, Woodward, Enid, Clinton

The Hon. Saxby Chambliss

Home state: Georgia. District offices in Macon, Waycross

The Hon. Jerry Moran

Home state: Kansas District offices in Hutchinson, Hays

HOUSE DEMOCRATS (minority)

The Hon. Charles Stenholm (Ranking Member, House Agriculture Committee)

Home state: Texas. District offices in Abilene, San Angelo, Stamford

The Hon. Gary Condit

Home state: California. District offices in Modesto, Merced

The Hon. Colin Peterson

Home state: Minnesota. District offices in Detroit Lakes, Waite Park, Red Lake Falls

The Hon. Calvin Dooley

Home state: California. District office in Fresno

The Hon. Eva Clayton

Home state: North Carolina. District offices in Norlina and Greenville

The Hon. Tim Holden

Home state: Pennsylvania. District offices in Pottsville, Reading